

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 5:21-cr-584
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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
)	
vs.)	ORDER
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AUSTIN COLLINS,)	
)	
DEFENDANT.)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge James Parker's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT the plea of guilty of defendant Austin Collins and enter a finding of guilty against defendant. (Doc. No. 537.)

On August 11, 2021, the government filed an Indictment against defendant. (Doc. No. 1.) On December 1, 2023, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Parker for the purpose of receiving defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 522.)

On January 5, 2024, a hearing was held in which defendant entered a plea of guilty, as follows:

- Count 1, charging him with Racketeering Conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1962(d).

Magistrate Judge Parker received defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 537.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the defendant is adjudged guilty of count 1 of the indictment. The sentencing will be held on April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 530. The Court defers its decision regarding the parties' proposed specific sentence until the Court has reviewed the Presentence Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 30, 2024


HONORABLE SARA LIOI
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT